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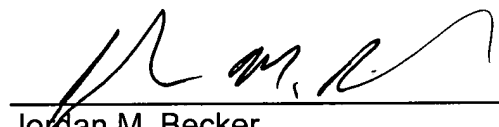
In response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application, mailed on December 19, 2003 (copy enclosed), the specification has been amended to delete references to Fig. 4N. Applicants elect not to traverse the Office's contention that Fig. 4N was omitted from the present application as filed, and further elect not to supply said figure. Applicants agree with the Office's conclusion that the present application is entitled to a filing date of September 4, 2003, and Applicants further submit that the above amendments do not alter that.

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